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Lesson for May 12 THE EARLY MINISTRY OF JEREMIAH

1. **Jeremiah's Call** (1:1-10).
1. It was prearranged (v. 1, 2).
2. Before Jeremiah was born, God ordained him a prophet.

2. **His Difficulties** (v. 6).
This seems to have grown out of his youth and inexperience (v. 6).

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STONEWALL

Mrs. B. D. Stratton and son, Jimmie Douglas, left Sunday for a two weeks visit with relatives in Alexandria.

Mr. R. H. Rounton and family were Sunday guests of his sister, Mrs. Will Alvis at Spout Spring.

Mrs. G. A. Jacobs and daughters, Betty and Dot, of Richmond, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Drinkard, Glenn and Paul, were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stratton had their Sunday guests: Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thomas and baby of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scruggs and family of Lynchburg, Mr. Jim Robinson and family of Spout Spring.

Mr. E. L. Chick and family visited his sister, Mrs. A. F. Drinkard near Trinity Sunday.

Misses LeGrand and Mr. and Mrs. Van Drinkard and son of Lynchburg, were Sunday guests of Mr. J. A. Stratton.

John Alvis Jr., returned home Sunday from Baptist Hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago.

Clayton H. Drinkard, who was put into the people's temple of prophesying, six weeks are given as descriptive thereof. The first four are destructive in their implications: "out," "pull down," "destroy," and "throw down," two constructive, "build," and "plant."

11. **Jeremiah's Grief** (v. 1, et seq.).
The subject of the people made him feel that his efforts were fruitless. Seeing so clearly the awful doom which awaited his people and nation, and their willful opposition, he wept bitterly.

12. **Jeremiah's Prophecy** in the Temple Court (v. 1-10).
1. Jeremiah's solemn warning to Judah (v. 1-10).

The Lord commanded him to stand in a conspicuous place in the temple and proclaim the judgment which was about to fall upon them because of their sins. The object was to move them to repentance (v. 3). If they would not repent, God would make the temple as Shiloh (v. 12). Just as Shiloh was once the dwelling place of the Lord and now fallen into decay and abandoned, so would it be with the temple.

Jeremiah on trial (v. 8-11).
(1) Charge of arrest (v. 8). It was for faithfully speaking all that the Lord had commanded.

(2) The charge (v. 8, 9). That should surely die. They charged him with a capital crime. According to this charge his guilt was twofold: a. Pretending to speak for God. b. Speaking against the temple and the city. According to this charge he was guilty of blasphemy and sacrilege.

The one who prophesied without God's command was to be punished by death (Deut. 18:20). Blasphemy was also punishable by death. (Lev. 24:16).

(3) The charges in judgment (v. 10, 11). Matters of state were not entirely in the hands of the priests and elders, but were in part controlled by members of the royal family.

3. **Jeremiah's defense** (v. 12-15).
Threats of death did not deter him from preaching, but only made him repeat his message with clearness.

(1) Retort to his divine commission (v. 12). He plainly told them that he was God's messenger and in opposing him they were opposing God.

(2) His rebuke (v. 13). He urged them to amend their ways and obey God and thus turn aside the divine judgment.

(3) He gave himself up (v. 14). He did not resist the powers of government (Rom. 13:1).

(4) Warnings of fatal consequences (v. 15). He told them that God had sent him and that if they killed him they would be guilty of defying God.

4. **Jeremiah saved** (v. 16-24).
(1) The judgment of the princes (v. 16). They found him "not guilty."

(2) The speech of the elders (v. 17-24).
The elders pled for Jeremiah and advised two cases in illustration: a. Michah (v. 18, 19). Michah had prophesied against Jerusalem, but King Hezekiah listened and sent him into exile, reported, and thus turned aside the divine judgment.

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ALONG DAVID CREEK

Farmers are all behind with their work on account of so much rain. They say they are ready to plant corn, but the ground keeps too wet.

Had several frosts and it was thought that all the fruit was killed, but around here peaches are still hanging on the trees and looking green.

The State has taken the road over from Booker's Creek to Bent Creek and Mr. Dallice Walton has been employed to keep it up and he seems to be discharging his duty in full.

Mrs. J. H. Thornhill is out after a hard spell.

Mrs. Charlie Jamerson, who has been ill is slowly improving.

Mrs. Sam Thornhill has returned from a month's visit to her parents at Arrington.

Mr. Tom Beal is visiting Mrs. W. A. Wells.

John Booker and her old home this week.

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WASTING FOREST WEALTH

From among the people of the United States who are wasting their money on the purchase of a worthless piece of property, the Forest Service of the United States has selected a certain tract of land, containing 47 acres, situated in Claver Hill, Shenandoah National Park, Shenandoah County, Virginia, and has offered it for sale to the public.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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